

1. A package comprising a carton and a plurality of generally cylindrical articles accommodated in said carton, each of said articles defining a cylindrical axis and having a flange protruding radially outwardly therefrom, said carton comprising a bottom panel hingedly connected to a side panel along a first fold line, said bottom panel having a plurality of openings therethrough, each said opening being configured to receive one of said articles and retain said one article by said flange thereof, each said opening being located adjacent to said fold line, said fold line having at least one frangible portion, said one frangible portion being positioned in proximity of one of said openings such that moving a respective one of said articles within said one opening urges said flange of said respective article against said one frangible portion to initiate partial breakage of said one frangible portion to release said respective article from said carton through said one opening.  
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2. The package of Claim 1 wherein said one frangible portion emanates from said opening.  
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3. The package of Claim 1 wherein said fold line includes another frangible portion emanating from said one opening, said other frangible portion being arranged opposite said one frangible portion.  
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4. The package of Claim 1 wherein said one frangible portion comprises a plurality of spaced short cut lines.  
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5. The package of Claim 4 wherein said cut lines are in alignment with said fold line.
6. The package of Claim 1 wherein said frangible portion comprises a plurality of cuts and scores.

7. The package of Claim 1 wherein said frangible portion comprises a plurality of perforations.

8. The package of Claim 1 wherein said flange of said each article is non-circular in  
5 configuration.

9. The package of Claim 8 wherein said flange includes a radially-outwardly-  
protruding tab portion.

10 10. The package of Claim 1 wherein said articles are arranged in a group of two or  
more tiers.

11. The package of Claim 10 wherein said flange of each of said articles is disposed  
around an upper end of said each article, said articles in a lowermost one of said tiers are  
15 received in said openings such that said articles in said lowermost tier are retained in said  
openings by the flanges thereof engaged with said bottom panel, and a primary part of  
said each article is protruding outwardly of said carton and exposed to view.

12. The package of Claim 11 further comprising:  
20 a top panel hingedly connected to said side panel along a second fold line, at least one  
slot defined along said second fold line, said slot being configured to receive said flange  
of one of said articles in an uppermost one of said tiers to retain said one article in said  
uppermost tier.

25 13. The package of Claim 12 wherein said second fold line includes at least one other  
frangible portion, said other frangible portion being positioned in proximity of said one  
slot such that moving said one article in said uppermost tier permits said flange of said  
one article in said uppermost tier to initiate partial breakage of said other frangible  
portion to release said flange of said one article in said uppermost tier from said slot.

14. The package of Claim 13 wherein said other frangible portion emanates from an end of said one slot.

5    15. A carton formed from a single blank, said blank comprising:  
            a bottom panel;  
            a side panel connected along a first fold line to each opposing edge of said bottom panel; and  
            a top panel connected along a second fold line to at least one of said side panels at  
10    an edge thereof opposite said bottom panel, said bottom panel, side panels, and said top panel defining an interior for receiving and retaining a plurality of articles, said bottom panel having a plurality of openings defined therein, each of said openings being configured to receive one of said articles and to retain said one article by a radially protruding flange of said one article, each of said first fold lines including at least one  
15    frangible portion, said frangible portion being positioned in proximity of said one opening such that moving said one article within one opening urges a flange of said one article against said one frangible portion to initiate breakage said one frangible portion to release said one article from said one opening when said blank is erected into a carton.

20    16. The package of Claim 15 further comprising:  
            at least one slot defined along said second fold line, said slot being configured to receive said flange of another one of said articles to retain said other article within said carton.

25    17. The package of Claim 16 wherein said second fold line includes at least one other frangible portion, said other frangible portion being positioned in proximity of said one slot such that moving said other article within said carton permits said flange of said other article to initiate breakage of said other frangible portion to release said flange of said other article from said slot.